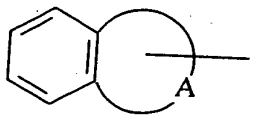
ar(lower)alkenyl, bridged tricyclic alkyl, heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), acyl or a group of the formula



(where A is lower alkylene), and R^5 is hydrogen or lower alkyl] or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are active in the present application. Claims 3-5 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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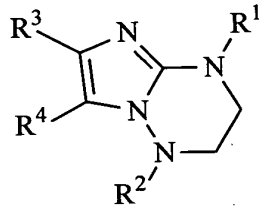
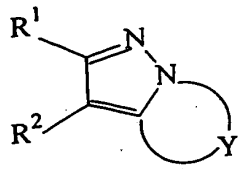
IN THE CLAIMS

--3. (Amended) An organ preservative of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the MAPK inhibitor and/or the inhibitor on the production of interleukin-1 (IL-1) and/or the inhibitor on the production of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) is/are a compound represented by the formula:

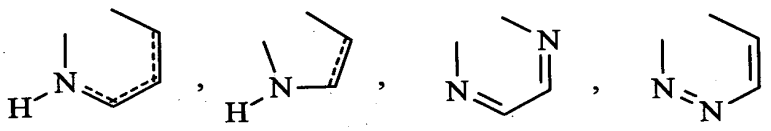


[wherein, R^1 is hydrogen, lower alkyl or acyl, R^2 is hydrogen or acyl, R^3 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), and R^4 is heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), heterocyclic (lower) alkyl, heterocyclic thio or heterocyclic sulfinyl] or a salt thereof.

4. (Amended) An organ preservative of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the MAPK inhibitor and/or the inhibitor on the production of interleukin-1 (IL-1) and/or the inhibitor on the production of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) is/are a compound represented by the formula:



[wherein, R^1 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), R^2 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or a heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), and Y a bivalent radical selected from



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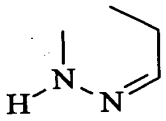
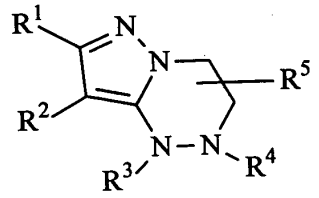
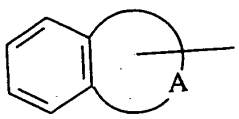


(in which ---------- is a single bond or a double bond), each of which may have suitable substituent(s)] or a salt thereof.

5. (Amended) An organ preservative of claim 1 [or 2], wherein a MAPK inhibitor and/or an inhibitor on the production of interleukin-1 (IL-1) and/or the inhibitor on the production of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) is/are a compound represented by the formula:



[wherein, R^1 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), R^2 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), R^3 is hydrogen or acyl, R^4 is hydrogen, lower alky, cyclo (lower) alkyl, cyclo (lower) alkyl-(lower) alkyl, carboxy (lower) alkyl, protected carboxy(lower)alkyl, ar (lower)alkyl which may have suitable substituent(s), ar(lower)alkenyl, bridged tricyclic alkyl, heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), acyl or a group of the formula



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